

Sustainable Natural Resources Funding for Iowa

Monday, June 16, 2008 -- Committee Meeting Agenda
Wallace Building 2nd Floor Conference Room – Des Moines, IA
Wallace Bldg, 502 East 9th Street, 2nd Floor, Des Moines, IA 50319

Committee members:

Mark	Ackelson	Present	Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation
Jane	Clark	Present	Sierra Club
Dan	Cohen	Present	IACCB
Dick	Dearden	Absent	IA Senate-D
Barbara	Finch	Absent	Iowa Farm Bureau
Jim	Gillespie	Present	Secretary of Agriculture
Tom	Holm	Present	Izaak Walton League of Iowa
Jon	Kruse	Proxy-Ryan Heiniger	Ducks Unlimited
Richard	Leopold	Present	IA Dept of Natural Resources, Chair
Mary	Lundby	Absent	Iowa Senate - R
Sean	McMahon	Present	The Nature Conservancy
Jerry	Peckumn	Absent	Iowa Rivers Revival
Henry	Rayhons	Absent	Iowa House of Representatives-R
Leo	Rieken	Proxy-Dan Rasmussen	Land Improvement Contractors Assoc.
Marian	Riggs-Gelb	Proxy-Lynn Laws	Iowa Environmental Council
Deb	Ryun	Absent	Conservation Districts of Iowa
Marvin	Shirley	Absent	Farmers Union
Dave	Van Waus	Present	Pheasants Forever
John	Whitaker	Absent	IA House of Representatives-D
Julie	Vyskocil	Absent	Iowa Renewable Fuels Association

The chair provided opening remarks and introductions were made for this first meeting of the third session of the SFC. Two new groups were legislatively added to the SFC (LICA and IRR) as well as new appointments by identified organizations (Tom Holm - Izaak Walton League and Sean McMahon - The Nature Conservancy). A brief history of the SFC and their work was presented:

Session 1: 07/2006 to 04/2007

- * Initial SFC Charge (HF2787)
- * Committee's Commitment
 - Consensus
 - "Rubber Hits the Road"
 - Public Input (meetings open to public + 11/2006 ICN meeting)
 - Legislative Presentations
- * 01/2007 Final Report
http://www.iowadnr.com/sustainablefunding/files/07mar01_final.pdf

Session 2: 04/2007 to 04/2008

- * Continuation of SFC charge under the Legislative Council's

- SF Interim Committee (SR-50)
 - Peer Panel
 - Economic Impact Study
- * 01/2008 Recommendation to IC
http://www.iowadnr.com/sustainablefunding/files/08jan_sfc.pdf
- * 03/2008 IC's Final Report
<http://www.legis.state.ia.us/lsadocs/IntReport/2008/IPDLA002.PDF>
- * 04/2008 Legislative Result: the passing of SJR2002

Session 3: 04/2008 to 01/2010

- * SFC Reauthorization (HF2580)

The responsibilities and charge of the next SFC reauthorization was discussed. House File 2580's charge notes: The purpose of the advisory committee is to continue the efforts of the sustainable natural resource funding advisory committee established pursuant to 2006 Iowa Acts, chapter 1185, section 43. The committee shall study how to provide one or more sustainable sources of funding for natural resources and outdoor recreation needs in Iowa. The advisory committee shall advise members of the general assembly in efforts to establish or administer sustainable funding sources.

The SFC received positive feedback for the well researched presentations and reports supporting the need for SF for natural resources to the legislators and they were encouraged to continue the strong research and reporting methods.

Based on the legislation, the SFC will review, research, and provide recommendations for the breakdown of funding, the method of distribution, and its administration. They will begin by compiling information related to the funding vehicles and its relationship to the resources and specified focus areas. Three focus areas, to begin with, will be agriculture, tourism/local communities/economic development, and water quality. The next phase of focus areas will be outdoor recreation and natural resources. SFC members will provide information for the three identified focus areas with bullet points and supporting narratives for compilation by 06/25/08.

The next meeting is scheduled for:

Tuesday, 07/15/08, 12:30p-4:30p

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